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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors is a non-profit organization and was established on September 30, 1959. MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

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2020 Membership Application & Invoice
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020

**Your MIFDI Dues
are due Jan. 1st**



**or Join MIFDI for
the first time.**

Membership Information

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<u>Membership Type:</u>	<u>Send Bulletin To:</u>	<u>Membership Dues:</u>
<u>circle one</u>	<u>circle one</u>	<u>Active</u> \$ 35.00
<u>Active</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Retired</u> \$ 15.00
<u>Retired</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Associate</u> \$100.00
<u>Associate</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	

There is also a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st
Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:

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JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020** hosted once again by the National Fire Protection Association located at One Batterymarch Park, Quincy courtesy of NFPA President Jim Pauley. MIFDI was last hosted at NFPA for our January 2019 meeting.

Our program will be presented by NFPA Fire Protection Analyst Casey Grant with an interesting program titled “**The Unsolved Mystery of the Cocoanut Grove Fire**”. Many lessons and fire safety improvements were instituted as a result of that tragic fire.

SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee (Provided), **1000:** Program, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch (On site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 128 (I-93), take Exit 6 which is Rt.37. At the end of the exit head EAST toward Quincy. Travel 3 traffic lights (approx 1-mile). At the third light, turn right on Batterymarch Park. The NFPA is in Building 1.

NOTE: Be sure to have some type of photo identification with you for security purposes.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2020
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$226.28
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$779.17
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$1,207.14
 Total: \$2,212.59

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 100

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 30
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 43
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 17
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 6

Balances as of 01/13/2020

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 226.28
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (294.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ (67.72)
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 779.17
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,207.14
 Total \$ 1,918.59

Bills Paid December, 2019:

Jan. '20 Bulletin - Michael (Savings) \$120.00 - 12/31
 Holiday Flowers DFS / MFA \$ 97.96 - 12/31
 Café Escadrille MIFDI Lunch - Michael \$196.04 - 12/18
 TOTAL: \$414.00

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 62 Home - 25
 Work - 13
 Total: 100

Membership Totals: 100

60 Active - 36 Retired - 4 Associate

We have no new members who joined MIFDI.

- None

Treasurer Notes:

- Please remember to look at your mailing label for the PAID THROUGH date. Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. **Your 2019 dues were due in January, 2019. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2019 for your 2019 dues.**
- You may now use the 2020 membership application as your invoice. It has MIFDI's tax ID number listed, for your accounts payable department to process the dues payment. Simply use the dues year or payment date as your invoice number.
- Your 2020 dues are due in January, 2020.

Respectfully submitted

01/13/2020

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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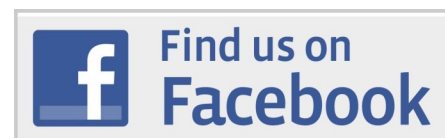
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

Active Member dues is \$35 / Retired Member dues is \$15 / Associate Member dues is \$100

Please remember to still add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2019. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2019.

MIFDI is now on Facebook. Login to your Facebook account and search for **Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors** or visit www.facebook.com/mifdi. Become a Facebook friend to MIFDI and receive up to date announcements right to your PDA, Blackberry or computer. You may also select the MIFDI Facebook link on the MIFDI website home page at www.mifdi.org



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PLEASE NOTE NEW Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org

***Dues are \$35.00 per year for Active members *(\$45 after April 1st)**
\$15.00 for Retired members *(\$25 after April 1st)
***100.00 per year for Associate members**

(which includes a 1/4 page of advertising in the MIFDI Bulletin and on the MIFDI website).

*** Membership dues are for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).
Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2019.**

RECALL OF MEETING #2019-10

The December meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the Café Escadrille in Burlington. This was our Annual Holiday Luncheon attended by 17 members for an enjoyable gathering with great food and a few laughs.

It was previously decided that due to December being a busy month for everyone and the fact that many people take vacation the week before and during Christmas week, it becomes difficult to secure presenters and meeting locations.

The December Holiday Luncheon has proven to be a great tradition for members to get together and break bread before the holidays. Life is short, we should always take time for social events with friends!





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Hot Metal, Liquids, Steams, and Flames

RADIATION BURN

Excessive exposure to ultraviolet rays or radiation exposure.

Sun, X-Ray, MRI, Medical Imaging Radiotherapy

CHEMICAL BURN

Contact to the skin or eyes

Strong Acids, Alkalies, Detergents, Solvents,

House Cleaners, Bleach, Battery Acid, Ammonia, Chlorine

ELECTRICAL BURN

Burn caused by an electrical current, altering current, or a direct current

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **FF/EMT Patrick W. Evans** of the Milford Fire Department. Patrick died unexpectedly on December 15, 2019 at age 37. He was also a member of the State District 3 Haz-Mat Team and the District 14 Tec Rescue Team.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

CONGRATULATIONS

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to **Interim Chief Michael Patterson** of the Burlington Fire Department upon his appointment as Chief of Department on December 16, 2019. Chief Patterson has been a supporter of MIFDI for many years and recently hosted our October 2019 meeting at Burlington's new Station 2.

This is well deserved, congratulations Mike!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 26, 2020: PFFM Firefighter B-FIT Challenge
TD Garden, Boston www.pffm.org

January 22, 2020: MIFDI – NFPA HQ

February 2-8, 2020: National Burn Awareness Week

February 4, 2020: Filing deadline for Statewide Firefighter Exam
(Exam date is March 21, 2020)

February 24-27, 2020: Firehouse World Conference & Expo
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February 26, 2020: MIFDI

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our December meeting was our Holiday Luncheon at Café Escadrille in Burlington. This annual gathering has become a very popular tradition enjoyed by all who attend.

If an effort to increase membership of the organization, we ask everyone to help out by ensuring that every department has at least one representative as a MIFDI member. With promotions occurring at the start of the new year due to many retirements, we often see new training offices following promotions in rank. We currently have a membership of 101, if everyone could do their part and spread the word about MIFDI by convincing just one person to join MIFDI, we would have an organization of 200 members again!

It is that time when we remind members to support the organization by paying their 2020 dues. The dues allows us to continue printing and mailing the MIFDI Bulletin, maintaining the MIFDI website, and supplying coffee at the meetings. The real bargain is with the educational meetings provided each month. The dues remain at \$35 for Active, \$15 for Retired and \$100 for Assoc. Mail checks to **MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

I again remind everyone that we are now in the winter season. With that, we have the chance of meeting cancellations due to storms and inclement weather. Be sure to check the MIFDI website or facebook page for postings on cancellations.

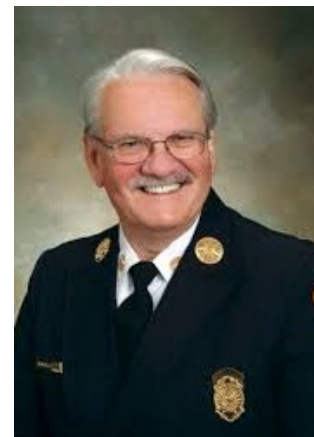
Stay safe, I hope to see you at NFPA in Quincy on January 22



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Farewell to a Fire Service Leader by MIFDI President Mark Roche



It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue** of the Cambridge Fire Department (Retired). John died on December 28, 2019 at the age of 80. It is appropriate that we post this farewell to John on the "Instructors Corner" page because John has literally trained thousands of firefighters throughout his career and after his retirement on the subject of elevator rescue, safety and fire service operations during high-rise fires.

John's interest in Elevator Safety for firefighters became a lifelong passion for him and very few people knew more about the subject. He served on the Cambridge Fire Department for 39-years, and was an Instructor at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy for over 35 years. He was a member of the ASME Safety Code for Elevators Emergency Operations Committee, and a member of the Massachusetts Board of Elevator Regulations.

There is too much to say about Chief O'Donoghue in this limited space so the best thing I can say is that John set the standard for all professional fire officers to strive to achieve. He was a friend to us all and we will miss him personally and professionally.

Rest in Peace JOD-3502